IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 1454 OF 2006

Bhagwan Mahadeo Sathe ..Petitioner

versus

State of Maharashtra ..Respondents

Mr. S. V. Kotwal i/b. C. K. Pendse for the Petitioner.

Mr. V. B. Konde-Deshmukh, APP for the Respondents - State.

CORAM : D. G. DESHPANDE, &
S. A. BOBDE, JJ.

DATE : 21ST JULY, 2006

P.C. :

1. Heard Advocate for the petitioner and learned APP for the State.

2. Petition is filed by the petitioner - accused for direction to the trial court in Anti Corruption case i.e. Special Case No. 72 of 2001 to give fixed date of hearing or for early decision of the trial. According to the petitioner his case is pending in Court Room No. 52. There is another court dealing in Anti Corruption cases i.e. Court

Room No. 45.

3. In this view of the matter, we had called report from the Principal Judge of the City Civil Court. Accordingly, he has submitted report regarding the matters pending before Court Room No. 52 and 45. From that report, it is clear that in Court Room No. 52 cases from 1986 are pending, and, in any case, there are not less than 40 matters prior to 2001. As against this, in Court Room No. 45, Anti Corruption Cases viz. one case of 1995, one case of 1996 and no case of 2001, so the Court Room No. 45 is not heavy burdened as Court Room No. 52. Therefore, by consent, the case of the petitioner i.e. Special Case No. 72 of 2001 is transferred to Court Room No. 45.

4. Petition disposed of accordingly.

(D.G. DESHPANDE, J.)

(S.A. BOBDE, J.)